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Dear Examiner Helms:

Applicants wish to inform the U.S. Patent Trademark Office that there are 93 claims pending in the captioned application. The specification filed on August 1, 2001 contained 86 claims. Within three months from the initial filing date, Applicants submitted a Preliminary Amendment to the USPTO on November 1, 2001 via Express Mail. This Preliminary Amendment introduced new claims 87-93 and made certain clerical changes to the specification.

It came to Applicants' attention that the Office Action mailed on December 5, 2002 did not consider the Preliminary Amendment and thus incorrectly stated that there were only 86 pending claims.

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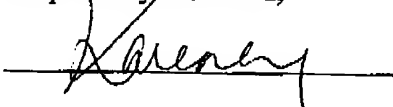
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Applicants hereby respectfully request the Office enter and consider this Preliminary Amendment, which was timely filed. Applicants believe no fee is required for submission of this Communication. However, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is also authorized to deduct said fees from the Howrey Simon Arnold & White Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing docket no. 13403.0004.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

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